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H. A. BERNIER,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 18, 1884. 1556

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OUR NEW MAKE

OF ENGLISH

BOOTS AND SHOES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 24, 1885. 130

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 9

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Hongkong, January 13, 1885. 76

Intimations.

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,000 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relatives, of trust, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving some less than a dollar may do so by affixing their ten-cent stamp to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten cents stamp the depositor will be credited on deposit.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Post Office by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence to or from the business of the Bank will, if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

WITH Reference to the above, BUSI-
NESS will be commenced on the
1st MAY, 1884.

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Intimations.

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SHIP'S COMPRADORES,
STEVEDORES,
AND
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS,

KEEP ON HAND AND FOR SALE,
well Assorted CHINIAN'S
STORES, AND COAL of ALL KINDS.

Shipping supplied at the Shortest Notice with all Kinds of BALLANT and Fresh PROVISIONS, at moderate charges.

No. 3, POTTINGER STREET,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, January 16, 1885. 91

HATS.

A large assortment of Christy's Felt Hats, always in Stock in all the newest styles.

HOSIERY, SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS,
BOOTS AND SHOES.

Hongkong, January 6, 1885. 33

FIRE!

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W. POWELL & CO. having Purchased from THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO. part of the SALVAGE STOCK, The Store will be CLOSED on MONDAY, 2nd February, 1885,

For the purpose of Arranging and Classifying the GOODS.

On TUESDAY, 3rd February, and following Days.

The Whole will be offered in REMNANTS at prices that must command a speedy Clearance.

TERMS:—CASH.

WM. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, January 31, 1885. 184

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE Fourth Ordinary ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, at 12 o'clock, Noon, on FRIDAY, the 20th February, 1885, to receive Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1884, and the Report of the General Managers, also to discuss any matters that may be competent brought before the Meeting.

The REVENUE BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Hongkong, February 2, 1885. 192

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,

Formerly ARTIFICIAL APPRENTICE and LAT-

TERLY ASSISTANT to DR. ROGERS.

To the urgent request of his European

and American patients and friends,

has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occu-

pied by DR. ROGERS.

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CONSULTATION FREE.

Perfect adjustment of ARTIFICIAL TEETH

by Atmospheric Section without pain or inconveniences. Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address,

1, DUDDELL STREET,

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION

IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange, a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

Holders of Notes will be required to

furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank,

a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on applica-

tion at the OFFICE of the ORIENTAL BANK

CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the

OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR

OF THE

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,

By his Attorney,

J. MELVILLE MATSON,

H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1235

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR
RESTORER

WILL darken grey hair, and in a few

days completely bring back the natural colour.

The effect is superior to that produced by a direct dye, and does not injure the skin. Large bottles, 1s. 6d. Lockyer's is equal to the most expensive hair restorer.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR
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IS the best for restoring grey hair to its former colour. It produces a perfectly natural shade, and is quite harmless.

Valuable for destroying dandruff and encouraging growth of new hair. Sold everywhere.

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For Sale.

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D'EVOS' NONPARÉL KEROSINE OIL.

PAINTS and OILS, TALLOW and TAR, PITCH and ROSIN.

AN INVOICE OF PARLOUR AND COOKING STOVES.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LATOUR, pints & quarts.

1 BOTTLE GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SAUCONNE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SAUCONNE'S OLD INVALID PORT (1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

COUVROISIER'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S 11 WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

BOOED'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOUVEAU PLAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

MARSALA.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF

SAFES, CASH and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Sole Agents for MESSRS. TURNBULL, JR., and SOMERVILLE'S

MALTESE CIGARETTES.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

Hongkong, January 8, 1885.

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Intimations.

The Overland China Mail.

SUBSCRIBERS to *The Overland China Mail* will be glad to learn that arrangements have been made for publishing that journal weekly in future instead of fortnightly as at present.This change, which will be permanent, has been made simply to keep pace with the times. During the existing troubles in the Far East, it was of special importance that a weekly budget of China news should be issued. Under the present arrangements political and commercial news, perhaps of the greatest interest, may be kept back for a fortnight. The change will not only be welcomed by subscribers at home, but also by those at the coast Ports and in the interior, who find the *Overland* a more convenient form of newspaper for their perusal than the daily journals. Practically the *Overland* will be in future a weekly newspaper for the Far East, with special commercial news, and special tables of shipping and other information, complete for the week. The various reports and other news will be given fully as they appear in the *China Mail*.

As the subscription will remain the same as hitherto (\$2 per quarter), the change will be made without additional expense to subscribers. Single copies will be sold for thirty cents, a reduction of 20 cents on the present price.

The attention of advertisers is directed to a weekly newspaper, which is circulated among old China hands' and others, both at home and in the Far East, who do not take the daily journals.

The *Overland China Mail* will be regularly posted anitherto from the *China Mail* Office to subscribers, on their addresses being forwarded to us.

China Mail Office, Hongkong, October 17, 1884.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Ningpo*, Capt. W. Potts, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1885.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenfinlas*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her and by the S.S. *Egyptian Monarch* from New York, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at the Wharves into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves *On Board* delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded upon notice to the consignee by telegram before 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 4th instant, all remaining undelivered after the 11th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, February 4, 1885.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, CANTON and MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6 PER CENT. or \$4.50 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 6th Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the OFFICE of the Company for WARRANTS, By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1885. 202

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixteenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at THREE o'clock in the Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 24th February instant, for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1884.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 11th to the 24th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1885. 201

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALEXANDER McNEIL, American ship, Capt. G. W. David.—*Melchers & Co.*EDWARD L. MAYBERRY, Amer. barque, Capt. E. M. Knight.—*Romodics & Co.*TRINITY ABBEY, American barque, Capt. J. T. Marey.—*Adamson, Bell & Co.*GOODFELD, American barque, Capt. Wm. R. Hogan.—*Adamson, Bell & Co.*INO, German barque, Captains G. Höckelmann.—*Wieland & Co.*INVINCIBLE, American ship, Capt. J. S. Peagins Skower.—*Order.*ISABEL, British barque, Captain Joseph Howe.—*Messagers Maritimes.*JESSIE OSBORNE, British ship, Captain J. Wilson.—*Carlowitz & Co.*NICOLAS THAYER, Amer. barque, Capt. Robert S. Crosbie.—*Master.*PROTECTOR, British steamer, Captain G. Howley.—*Arthurdale, Karberg & Co.*SAMAR, American ship, Capt. Oliver O. Jones.—*Adamson, Bell & Co.*

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 3, 1885.—

Lendaris, British steamer, 1,482, J. H. Clark, Nagasaki January 30, Coal and General.—*Gibb, Livingston & Co.*

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THE CHINA MAIL.

ended the 30th of September last, shows a total income of £74,000 18s. 6d., which includes receipts on account of the general spiritual fund amounting to £24,452 1s.; building fund, £30,132 18s. 6d.; foreign service, £6,302 4s. 4d.; foreign service, £2,082 10s. 6d. There was a balance in hand at the end of the financial year of £448 6s. The trading transaction of the army realized a net profit of £6,700 0s. 11d., which has again more than sufficed to cover the entire expenditure of the headquarters' management. The army has added to the mercantile operations by the sale of musical instruments, watches specially designed to command the soldier of His God and his duty, mottoes and other articles for home use, all confined with the same end in view; and now has of all, and other things which cannot, except by means of covers or marks, have so direct a bearing on the propagation of the truth, but which will at least answer another great purpose which experience has taught us we may safely aim at—the trading funds by trade profits. During this year eighty-five new barracks were opened in the United Kingdom, including a concert hall at Brighton, seating 3,000 and costing over £7,000, which had been presented to the army by two residents there. Abroad the work of the organization is described as succeeding and extending satisfactorily.

Full Belligerent Rights for the French.

The following notification was published in a Government Gazette extraordinary issued this afternoon:—

His Excellency the Governor has been directed to issue an Official Notification to the effect that the French Government is about to instruct its Naval Officers to enforce belligerent rights including right of search of Neutral Ships at sea for contraband of war.

The above notification is no doubt the outcome of the action of the British Government in enforcing one section of the Foreign Enlistment Act in Hongkong Harbour—action which mainly affects French vessels. The notification is an important one, and the course of procedure now adopted by the French may give rise to serious trouble. It seems to us questionable if international law justifies a nation exercising full belligerent rights, including search, against neutrals in the absence of a declaration of war and a blockade, unless this notification can be regarded as the equivalent of a declaration of war. This at any rate appears to be the opinion of the Under Secretary of State when, speaking in the House of Commons on the 23rd October last, he said:—

France has undoubtedly the right to blockade those ports, and the notification of blockade must be taken by neutral Powers as a notification of a state of war. France has, in the circumstances, all the rights of war (including the right to prevent access to the blockade), incident to a belligerent blockade, if she desires to exercise them, but in the absence of a formal declaration of war either by France or China, His Majesty's Government have thought it necessary to communicate with the French Government on the subject in order to remove all doubt as to the position of neutral shipping, and I am unable to make any further statement pending the result of that communication. Before the notification of blockade three British vessels were hoisted off Tamsui, and, upon representations being made to the French Government on the subject, it was admitted that the proceeding was irregular by reason of a regular blockade not having been established. Her Majesty's Government will be prepared to make any claim for damages which can properly be supported by international law, but up to the present time no such claim has been preferred.

We have italicized the portion of Lord Fitzmaurice's remarks in which he seems to indicate that the searching of neutral vessels was illegal in the absence of a duly established and notified blockade. Of course, as we have said, the notification issued to-day may justify the French in overhauling neutral vessels where no blockade has been established, and when no declaration of war has been made, but, if this course is adopted by the French, it is assuredly a somewhat

evil way of levying war, and is characteristic of the whole procedure in this most miserable struggle. Possibly by enforcing the 10th Section of the Foreign Enlistment Act, the British Government recognises a state of war sufficient to justify the searching of its vessels for contraband, but it is a strange position when a nation which is avowedly engaged in nothing more serious than 'reprisals' assumes full belligerent rights in dealing with neutral vessels apparently wherever they may be encountered, at least in the waters of the Far East. If full belligerent rights are accorded the French, then there is no reason why they should not treat all as full belligerents in all the British harbours. In the latter case restrictions additional to those imposed by the 10th Section of the Foreign Enlistment Act would be enforced against them. It is a pity the British Government has recognised any half-and-half position.

Distribution of Prizes at the Central School.

The annual distribution of prizes to the scholars of the Central School was made in the institution this morning by His Excellency the Governor. A number of prominent residents were present, including the Colonial Secretary, Bishop Burdon, the Postmaster General, the Colonial Chaplain, the Hon. Wong Shing, the Portuguese and Japanese Consuls, Dr. Stewart and the Rev. G. Chestnut, (Acting Military Chaplain), and the Acting Superintendent of the Gaol (Mr. A. Falconer).

The Headmaster (Mr. G. H. B. Wright, M.A.), in commencing the proceedings, said: May I please your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen?—The past year will be a memorable one in the annals of this school. Three events that cannot

laying of the foundation stone of the new college, the endowment of the 'Stewart Scholarship,' and the winning, for the first time, of the valuable Government Scholarship. And here I may remark that all the school is proud of Roman, and masters and scholars alike wish him every success in his future career in England. The total number of scholars in the past year was 205, the same as usual, but the high daily average attendance—412—deserves notice. It is the highest average for 6 or 7 years, and may, I think, be accounted for by the increased interest excited by seeing the new school really begin, for boys are anxious to keep their seats with a view to securing entrance into the new school. The prize examination is just completed; 379 boys were examined and 95 per cent. passed. The four classes at the head of the School showed great general progress, the second class being conspicuously above the average. Owing, however, to frequent changes of masters, necessitated by circumstances, in the lower classes, though a large number of boys passed, the work was not of a high class of merit. The Franco-Chinese war has had but the slightest influence on the Central School. In August three or four boys returned to Swatow and other coast ports, and half a dozen others went to Canton purposing to return after Chinese New Year. Our nine Annamite scholars returned to their native place earlier in the year. As the annual School Report will shortly be published, I will not here allude to the various changes in the staff of masters in the past year; but I cannot refrain from again bearing testimony to the conscientious and successful labours of Mr. McKinney, of whose services we were deprived by death last September. There is one little point which I have to mention now. The Bilibili Scholarships will not be awarded this year, although the examination was duly held and the boys had done their work well; but the Trustees are unable to come to a unanimous decision as to the award of the prize, and therefore they prefer not to award the Scholarships this year. I just mention this lest it should be imagined there was no boy deserving of the Scholarships.

His Excellency: Ladies and gentlemen; it is with much satisfaction that I for the second time preside at the annual distribution of prizes at this, the chief educational establishment in this Colony, and on which, as I mentioned last year, Her Majesty has graciously pleased to confer the title of 'Victoria College.' Among the three events of last year to which the Headmaster referred just now one of the most conspicuous was the inauguration of the new and much-needed building which is to replace this edifice. I had very great pleasure in laying the first stone of that building in April last, and the day of that ceremony ought to be considered a memorable one in the educational annals of Hongkong (applause). I trust that many generations of pupils will be there educated in a way that will reflect credit both upon themselves and their native island. Another event of last year to which the Headmaster referred was the presentation—so gratifying to all concerned—to Dr. Stewart, the late Headmaster of this institution. I have presided on many similar occasions, and I have never known one who was more satisfactory in every possible way. Dr. Stewart is, I think, to be highly congratulated on that well-deserved proof of the affection and respect of his old pupils (applause). I am sure you have all listened with great interest to the address just delivered by the Headmaster. The general good conduct—and prudence

of the pupils reflect great credit not only on themselves but also on the whole body of masters. The reverence of the Chinese for their fathers is known to be one of the most marked traits of the national character. Now a great Roman poet, who was contemporary with some of the classical writers of the Chinese, has said in immortal verse that the preceptor should ever stand in the holy place of the father:—

Di majorum umbris tenuem et sines pondere terraque, et in urna perpetuum ver, Qui praesepit sancti volvunt parentis esse loco.

The third event of last year to which the Headmaster referred more particularly just now was the gaining of the first Government Scholarship, Walter Bosman being the successful competitor. I congratulate this institution on the fact that the first Hongkong Government scholar, Walter Bosman, has been selected by competitive examination from among its pupils. On this subject I cannot do better than repeat the explanation and remarks which I made on a former occasion. I stated: Provision has been made at the public expense to send periodically some of the most distinguished pupils of the colleges at Hongkong to complete their studies in England, as members of the legal or medical professions, or as civil engineers. Walter Bosman has chosen the profession of civil engineer. He has done well in taking that step, for there is a great field open for civil engineers, even in the Far East. It will be remembered that more than 2,000 years ago your Chinese ancestors had already established a national polity, a national code of laws and a national literature; had built great cities and had made much progress in many of the industrial arts, at a period when the ancestors of what are now the three most powerful nations of Western

Europe—the English, the French and the Germans, whose powerful squadrons you often see in this harbour—had not yet emerged from barbarism. But in modern times, while China has remained well-nigh stationary, the Western nations have made rapid and constant progress in all the arts that promote and advance civilization. I hope that a long succession of the Chinese students of this College, after completing their education in England, may have the honour of bringing back with them, and of introducing into their native land, the results of the humane and enlightened jurisprudence, and of the improved medical science of modern Europe; or, may, as civil engineers help to cover the vast empire of China, as Europe has already been covered, with a network of railways and telegraphs—those powerful promoters of commercial intercourse and of modern civilization (Applause). I may now add to those remarks which I made last year that several pupils of this institution have already obtained promotion in the Government service in China, and already occupy posts of influence and honor. When I was in Tientsin last year I found to my great satisfaction that two of Li Hung Chang's secretaries—the secretaries on whom he chiefly relied—were both pupils of Government schools in Hongkong. The same passing state of affairs exists in many other departments of the Chinese Government—the Army, the Navy and elsewhere, and it is also to some extent in Japan. I found old Hongkong school boys employed in highly respectable positions in that country. These men cannot fail to regard with gratitude the advantages which they have derived from the educational facilities afforded them in this Colony, and which have been the cause of their advancement, and I think you will all agree with me that this is a most legitimate and effective mode of extending British influence throughout this quarter of the globe. And now, my young friends, as this is the first day of your holidays, I will not detain you any longer. I hope you will have a very happy time during the approaching festivities. I am asked by your Headmaster to say that your holidays begin to-day and last until the 4th of March. That gives you a good month. I dare say some of you may have heard the English proverb: 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.' No doubt among the racy proverbs of the Chinese there is one to the effect that all study and no crackers makes John Chinaman a dull boy. If there be no such proverb in Chinese, I advise you to translate the English one, and give it due application (Applause).

The prizes were then distributed by His Excellency, who remarked in presenting the Stewart Scholarship that this was the first occasion it had been given. The following is the

PRIZE LIST.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Morrison Scholarship.—Ho Kan Un.

Stewart Scholarship.—Lau Shiu.

Senn Bellios and June Bellios Scholarships. (not awarded.)

Translation.—Shi Ping Kwong, watch, presented by Hon. T. Jackson.

Composition, I Class.—H. Arthur, 'Scott Macaulay, Green,' presented by Mr. George Murray Bain.

Composition, II Class.—J. A. Remond, 'With Poets,' presented by Mr. George Murray Bain.

Composition, III Class.—T. Wallace, watch, presented by Mr. Ho Tung.

Composition, IV Class.—C. Kow, die-cutting, presented by Zoroastrian.

General Profession, V Class.—Lau Kung Chi, pencil case, presented by Mr. Chape, Map Drawing, IV Class.—Ho Kan Un, 'Atlas,' presented by Zoroastrian.

GENERAL PRIZES.

Dr. Stewart; 2, Lo Sing Nai, watch, presented by Mr. E. C. Sharp; 3, Ho Tung Seung, watch, presented by Hon. J. Russell; 4, V. Kubo, 'Mark Twain,' presented by Dr. Ayres.

II Class.—1, Yung Fo Yu, watch, presented by Mr. Ng Awa; 2, Cheung Tsui, a prize, presented by Mr. N. Mady; 3, Li Iw Kwong, watch, presented by Government.

III Class.—1, Mok Lai Chi, watch, presented by Mr. Ng Awa; 2, Lo Lung Shiu, 'Leopold Shakespeare,' presented by Government; 3, Tam Po Yin, 'Franco-German War,' presented by the Consul General for Portugal; 4, Wong Yul Lam, 'Aladdin,' presented by Zoroastrian.

IV Class.—1, Wong Kat, watch, presented by Government; 2, Ho Man Ying, watch, presented by Mr. C. P. Chater; 3, Tam Atak, 'Outdoor Sports,' presented by Dr. Ayres.

V Class.—1, Ho Kam Ying, watch, presented by Consul General for Portugal; 2, Chan Teau Ying, binoculars, presented by Government.

VI Class.—1, Ip Tsaun Ki, watch, presented by Mr. W. Du F. Hutchison; 2, Hu Shing Cheung, pencil case, presented by Government.

VII Class.—1, Luk Cheung Yu, watch, presented by Meers Gaupp & Co.; 2, Tong Hing Tao, 'Modern Playmates,' presented by Dr. Ayres.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council was then adjourned until next Wednesday.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held this afternoon. Those present were: Hon. W. Keswick (Chairman), Mr. E. R. J. Bellios, Mr. A. McIver (Director), and Messrs. J. M. V. Figueiredo, G. Holmes, G. Sharp, J. B. Gomes, Jr., A. S. Cohen, J. M. Guedes, F. A. Ozorio, and T. Arnold (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, there is so full a statement of the affairs of the Company in the report, which is in your hands, that there is little for me to say in proposing the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts. The usual dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum is again available, and this notwithstanding the heavy expenditure in repairing the Kukang, and also notwithstanding the interruption of traffic on the Canton river and the greater expense attending the running of the steamers consequent on the defensive measures adopted by the Chinese government.

XI Class.—1, Li Ting Young, pencil case, presented by the Government; 2, Lo Ho Win, pencil case, presented by the Government.

CHINESE CLASSES (Fortnightly).

I Class.—Wong Kat, merit; 2, Cheung Yuk Tong, watch, presented by the Government.

II Class.—Chan Un Nan, watch, presented by the Head Master.

ORDINARY.

I Class.—Wong Kat, merit; 2, Cheung Yuk Tong, watch, presented by the Government.

II Class.—Lau Hing San, clock, presented by Mr. Leung Shiu Kong; 2, Ho Man Ying, merit.

III Class.—1, Wong Sz Ming, 'Scott,' presented by the Head Master; 2, Ng Ching Tong, 'Legendary Ballads' presented by Dr. Ayres.

IV Class.—1, Tai Tin Pui, pencil case, presented by the Government; 2, Chiu Pak, pencil case, presented by the Government.

V Class.—1, Li Pui Lam, pencil case, presented by the Government.

VI Class.—1, Wong Chi, pencil case, presented by the Government; 2, Chan Pui, pencil case, presented by the Government.

ANGLO-CHINESE CLASS.

First Division.—S. Baptista, 'Longfellow,' presented by the Government.

Second Division.—Tahralley, 'Every Boy's Annual,' presented by the Japanese Consul.

Third Division.—A. Abraham, 'Parley's Annual,' presented by the Japanese Consul.

Fourth Division.—A. Ramjahn, pencil case, presented by the Government.

The boys before separating gave cheers for the Queen, the Governor, Walter Bosman, the Headmaster, and the visitors.

by the Directors, so as not to take the amount out of the earnings of the current half year, and the value of the steamer is such as will admit of that being done, her cost as she now stands being some \$40,000 or \$50,000 below what she is valued at by experts. During the early part of the half year the company have had opposition to contend with for a time, on both the Canton-Hongkong line and the Hongkong-Macao line. On both these lines there is an open opposition, and we are working hard to get the only drawback on the Canton line being removed, so as to take the extra expenses attached to the working of the steamer, but the object has been under consideration as has been necessary; and at a moment's notice almost an order can be given. The plans, specifications and other information have been solicited, and will shortly be in the possession of the Directors. There does not appear to be any urgency. The steamer of the company are equal to the requirements of the trade at the moment, although it would be well, indeed, I think necessary, to have a boat ready to meet an emergency. That we are not so urgent at the moment as we were can even meet opposition at the present time, although it is desirable that we should strengthen our position by having a steamer. The only other reason I have to make is that the Zeppelin has been disposed of, and the loss has been written off. It is to be regretted that there is such a loss, but it was unavoidable and has been met. It is not likely to arise again. With these remarks, Mr. A. Cohen seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Bellios, seconded by Mr. J. G. Jones, Jr., Messrs. Hauseh and Gourdin were unanimously re-elected Directors.

The Chairman.—We shall be very glad to hear any remarks any shareholder may have to make. If there is nothing more to be said the business is over. The dividends warrants will be issued to-morrow.

The meeting then dispersed.

boats are packed inside, and the refuse of the kitchen and other kinds of refuse, as well as the sweepings of all the shops along Canal Road, are thrown into this ditch. On the side never the road nearly one half of the bed of the Canal is visible at low tide. Passage boats come in and have their permanent landings, whilst a treaty exists limiting the number of boats to two to each house or shop. At nights near the East Bridge one can walk from Canal Road to the above-mentioned camping ground on the tops of boats. The way becomes blocked for an hour at a time, and the boatmen stand on the heads of their boats shouting and swearing at each other like demons.

Notwithstanding this vigilance on the part of the French, two junks arrived in Aping yesterday from Swatow, and a Nanca lorda is reported with valuable consignments, including opium. The other afternoon of the blockade can be understood, when it is stated that the *Champain* is the only cruiser employed in maintaining the blockade, with the *Champain* at the port, a distance of 70 miles. At the time of writing, the *Champain* is at anchor of Aping, with the other two ships.

Letters from Tamsui, dated the 11th instant, have been received. The French were in a state of perfect infection. The Chinese are reported to be making great preparations, and a desperate fight is anticipated when the next attack is made. Favoured by exceptionally fine weather, the health and spirits of this community are on the whole good, in spite of existing troubles, and those possibly to come, there are times when even your correspondent feels decidedly 'blossomed.'

26th January.

The cruiser *Champain* is anchored off Tamsui, and the *Triomphant* is reported to be at Takow. H. M. S. *Sleuth* arrived from Amoy on the 22nd instant, and after delivering mails left for Tamsui. She is hourly expected back and will then return to Amoy. Three Chinamen, natives of the Peascodess, reached that place a few days ago from Keelung. An interview with one of them reveals the following facts. He and four others were seized by one of the blockading squadrons about 7 o'clock, about two months ago, whilst navigating a cargo boat from the south of the island. In company with a hundred or more other captives, they were taken to Keelung, and there made to work in the fort and coal mine; all being kept in close confinement at night. Sixty of these prisoners effected an escape, twenty others being shot down in the attempt. The French are charged with much cruelty. Such statements, however, must be taken with great caution, and we trust, for the sake of Western reputation, that they are exaggerated.

No junk has run the blockade during the past few days, and it is said that the Taiwan Foo merchants, in view of their recent losses, have chartered a boat to carry their goods to the mainland, instructing their agents to make no further shipments for the present. A telegram was received from Takow yesterday, stating that the junk trade had been ruined and maltreated on the road, and that all letters had been lost or destroyed. The present disturbed state of the country, together with the approach of the Chinese New Year, will doubtless bring about many outrages of this kind. There is naturally much distrust among the lower classes, particularly the boating population, in consequence of the total absence of any trade.

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